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1. The Yugoslav Air Force School (VVU - Vozduhoplovno Vojno Ucilište), until 1949 located in Pancevo, has been moved to Mostar. With its transfer, two school regiments, the 104 and 105, were also moved. These regiments belong to the air force school division. There are no other air force units stationed in Mostar. Those units of the air force division previously in Mostar were moved to Niksic, Siroki Brijeg, Zadar, Titograd and elsewhere during the transfer.

2. Instruction covers a three-year period and students are divided into classes. Five classes of air force officers have already completed the school. The Sixth and Seventh Classes presently are being instructed. Commander of the school is Major-General Vlado Matetic. Lt. Colonel Mirko Buric is Political Commissar while the Chief of Staff is Velimir (or Milored) Sukovic, who was formerly chief of the Pedagogic Department.

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3. In command of the 105 School Regiment is Major Jerkovic, while Major Nikola Bracic (?Bratic) is Political Commissar. As with all other air force regiments, the 105 also has three squadrons. Each squadron consists of three flights with three or four airplanes to each flight. Aircraft are the Aero-2 type of domestic origin. Planes of the 105 School Regiment are dispersed as follows: 9 aircraft to 1 Squadron, 10 aircraft to 2 and 3 Squadrons. The commander and political commissar have aircraft, also of the Aero-2 type, assigned to them. [REDACTED]

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4. Major Petar Mitrovic is in command of the 104 School Regiment, with Major Miletta Brankovic as Political Commissar. Chief of Staff is Captain Brana Petrovic. 2nd Lieutenant Silvo Ukmor commands 1 Squadron of the 104 School Regiment and the commander of 2 Squadron is a 2nd Lieutenant nicknamed "Brale" (first name Dragan). Aero-2 aircraft are also assigned this regiment, [REDACTED]

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5. The air force technical school is located in Brajlovac.

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6. The auxiliary airfield near Siroki Brijeg in the Mostar region was taken over in 1950 for a permanent airport. Construction work, including the diversion of a brook from its course to enlarge the field, was executed by the army. The airport handles three to four squadrons and is between 2000 to 3000 meters in length and 1800 meters wide. Some units of the air force division, which until October 1949 were located in Mostar, are now stationed on this field.
7. The bombardment regiment (P-2 - Petljakovci) has moved from Sombor to Zagreb, while a squadron has moved from Zagreb to Sombor. This single P-2 Squadron is the only unit presently in Sombor.

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~~Comment: Three small maps of the Mostar, Pancevo and Siroki Brijeg airports are available in the CIA Library.~~

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